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Obama travels to tornado-ravaged Oklahoma



US President Barack Obama hugs Briarwood School Principal Shelley Jacques McMillian during a tour of the tornado affected Plaza Towers Elementary School on May 26, 2013 in Moore, Oklahoma. AFP PHOTO

Moore, Oklahoma (AFP) - US President Barack Obama on Sunday offered solace and support to residents of Oklahoma as they rebuild their shattered lives after last week's monster tornado, which killed 24 people.

"When we say that we've got your back, I promise you that we keep our word,"

Obama declared, as he stood in front of the wreckage of the Plaza Towers Ele-

mentary school.

In the shadow of the now unrecognizable mountain of twisted metal and wood, where many of the 10 child victims of the storm lost their lives, he praised the local response "from the forecasters who issued the warnings to the first responders who dugged through the rubble to the teachers who shielded with their own bodies their students."

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Soul Beach Music Festival 2013: It's all about the funk!



D'Angelo

laughs, justifying the "Night of Funk & Comedy." Vocalist Paige Bryan was also featured with Memphis Red and the Funk Stank Nasty Band. Aply warming up the audience prior to Sinbad's performance was hot young comedian Damon Williams. Last year, the very funny Chase Anthony so impressed the audience and festival organizers, he returned this year as MC for all the con-

certs.



Tamia

Aruba was proud to once again host the annual Soul Beach Music Festival over Memorial Day weekend, this year welcoming back its founder, famous comedian Sinbad, for the opening comedy night concert on Friday May 24.

This year, the multifaceted performer demonstrated not only his wit, but a distinct talent for playing the guitar and that he also blows a mighty mean whistle. His show featured some classic funk, along with lots of



Sinbad

Saturday night, the festival moved to Nikky Beach by the Surfside, the traditional home of the concerts, which embodies that casual, shores front ambiance that brings thousands down to Aruba each year.

Saturday's concert opened with one of Aruba's top singers and composer, Claudius Phillips and his band, O.R.E.O. Six-time Grammy nominee Tamia sent temperatures soaring with a hot rendition of her classic hit, "So Into You."

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Mind Your Eye Conference: Preventing crime is recognizing and minimizing risk



On Friday, May 24, HW Training and Development

Associates hosted their annual Mind Your Eye Conference, dedicated to more secure business practices. The event featured two local speakers, Officer Jeanette Richardson-Baars, Head of Aruba's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force and Diana Wever-Salcedo, a psychologist specializing in preparing employees to handle the trauma of a violent crime at the workplace.

The day started with presentations by two interna-

tional guest speakers, Head of the Department of Security and Transport for De Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam, Theo R.M. Surig and Keynote Speaker, Tim Zehring, Director of Risk Management for Sterling Grant Associates out of Phoenix, Arizona, who also addressed the conference in the afternoon, focusing particularly on preventing robbery in the workplace.

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Delegates from Aruba Police Force and ASHF

His enlightening morning talk confronted issues of security for businesses, but also contained a great deal of sound advice on a personal and home security level. Mr. Zehring is a law enforcement veteran of the Mesa, Arizona Police Department, and founder of the Arizona-based International Crime Free Association. Regarded as one of the foremost experts in crime prevention, Zehring trains police recruits about crime, community policing methodologies, crime prevention science, crime prevention programs, as well as cutting edge crime prevention techniques. His lectures are based on his 22 years of employment with the Mesa Arizona Police Department, which includes his supervision of the city's crime prevention unit and a team of detectives assigned to rental property crime prevention programs.

Two of the most startling videos he presented were homemade from his stay on Aruba; he demonstrated how easily he was able to bypass the key-card lock on his hotel

door, and the combination of the in-room safe. Both processes took only seconds and are the sort of thing any experienced thief would know, if not, they can easily find out how by watching a video on the Internet.

"Many times, the personal security that your employees and colleagues use, effects your corporate security," he explained. A 10-second video showed how quickly and easily a computer-wise perpetrator could set up an account in a computer to allow access whenever they cared to, enabling them to circumnavigate protective passwords. "Train employees to never leave their station with the computer on and vulnerable; they should at least sign-off or put it in sleep mode, requiring a password to gain any access." Video on Youtube also instruct thieves how to easily bypass the pin code of an iPhone, allowing access to all the information. "It has become a practice for people to store their passwords on their phones, but this can also leave you vul-

nerable." Other common areas known to thieves where people will write down and store passwords: under the keyboard, phone, mouse pad, desks or in the top drawer. It is important be more creative in storing hard to remember passwords. The same system on smartphones that allows users to monitor their homes will allow a hacker to monitor the user's movements and location of valuables within the home. The same app the homeowner uses to disarm their security system, can be used by anyone with a smartphone.

Passwords should also be more creative. For a time, the most common password was: "password", making it very easy for hackers to invade computers. Try to work out a system that combines numbers and letters, both lower and upper case, in a way that can be changed frequently but still memorable. Also, for as little as \$40, key logging software can be purchased, which allows potential hackers on a remote computer to read every keystroke on your computer, undetected. Computer users must be very careful about opening attachments, following links or downloading files which can contain key-logging software, providing instant access to all passwords and information. "Passwords are key, but also the weakest link in information security."

Mr. Zehring also emphasized the importance of alert, well trained employees in all aspects of security, over technology. "Crime prevention is the recognition and anticipation of crime risks, and steps taken to reduce or eliminate those risks," he explained.

Smart Phones Are A Threat

Passwords are frequently stored on iPhones...

That four-digit passcode you have installed on your iPhone might 'slow down' a snoop, but it won't stop them from accessing it!



"Companies must understand the correct questions before you can discern the correct answers. You must comprehend the scope of the problems before you can determine the correct solutions and must carefully analyze the solutions to see if they are obsolete, or even worse, create more problems!"

One particular technology often replied upon is alarm systems. However, in the U.S., a policy of Verified Response is a new wave in law enforcement. Alarms are

often triggered without a treat; in fact, it is the case around 90% of the time. It has prompted police departments to ignore alarms with annoying regularity. Putting in a multiple system that would show several alarms going off, indicating movement through a premises, or a cascade system, would more likely illicit a response, as would a security guard or hidden surveillance cameras on hand to verify the need for a police response.

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Dutch Ambassador to Panama applauds Gateway concept



During the Europe Meets the Americas Conference, Dutch Kingdom Ambassadors of the Occidental Hemisphere have kept abreast of most of the positive developments on Aruba.

What this diplomatic corps is mostly interested in

is how they can provide assistance from their stations to help Aruba realize the Aruba Gateway concept.

The Dutch Ambassador to Panama, Wiebe de Boer, has been in Panama for little over a year. He considers being in Panama a real challenge. The Panamanians reacted enthusiastically and in turn opened an embassy in the Hague.

The Panamanian economy is growing at 10% per year. The Panama canal which is being deepened and widened will be re-opened in 2015. This will greatly increase shipping, all of which will have tremendous results for the entire region.

Everyone wants to be part of this expansion as Panama has a projected growth of 10% in the coming years.

Last year Panama signed an agreement with Europe, a free commercial agreement of association between the European Union and six countries in Central America. Panama has a free market economy.

We want to emphasize that Panama is a very useful commercial partner for Aruba. This is because one can do business much more cheaper via Panama than via Miami.

According to De Boer, he does not see this as a competition, on the contrary. It gives Aruba the opportunity to get closer as Aruba has some very strong points.

They know where Aruba is situated and how well Aruba functions. During the conference Aruba signed an agreement with the Panamanian Chamber of Tourism to work together. Tourism in Panama is not as advanced as Aruba's tourism. This is, they claim, an opportunity for Aruba to take the lead on this in the region.

De Boer believes that the Aruba Gateway concept is a logical one.

It is a strong concept which Aruba must take advantage of. It goes beyond where Aruba has arrived, yet in a new dimension. The combination of durability is very strong. A sustainable Aruba is an example for Panama and the others in the region, according to De Boer.

investments in security equipment, as well as training to personnel in risk recognition and management.

"It is the owner's duty to recognize the potential risks of the workplace and take precautions against them," concluded Mr. Zehring, "and then develop a comprehensive security plan, for prevention, and also in case of an incident and the aftermath. There are those who would rather not invest the time and money, who are willing to accept that risk; I call them 'victims.'"

By Rosalie Klein

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He clarified that he is all in favor of installing technological deterrents, their presence will certainly give any potential perpetrator pause, perhaps encouraging them to strike another business that is not so conscientious. However, depending fully on a technology to protect against robbery, particularly one that is obsolete and easily disabled (again, the info is on the Internet on how to do it) leaves one just as vulnerable, if not more so.

He strongly advised hiring professionals to assess your situation and provide recommendations on the best in-

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It was obvious the audience was so into Tamia!

Then leather-clad D'Angelo took over the stage, to remind the audiences it is all about the funk! The artist's period sabbaticals and selectivity in recording and concert tours, made this appearance at the 2013 SBMF a particularly unique and memorable experience for the festival's fans. Accu-

rately described for Billboard Magazine as "potent" when he takes to the stage, he proved it again on Aruba this past Saturday night.

By Rosalie Klein

See photos of Comedy Night on pg 12

NOTICE:

Vaccines for a new strain of influenza virus recommend by the Department of Public Health

ORANJESTAD – The Department of Public Health has received information from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) about cases of Influenza known as type H7N9 in China, type H1N1 in Venezuela and respiratory infection cases caused by Corona Virus in some Middle East countries.

On Aruba, we do not have any of these viruses, at present, but it is still very important to take all the necessary precautions to prevent being infected with a virus that can cause influenza. Aruba is a place that receives visitors from around the world.

Persons who are at risk for

getting influenza are advised to go to their doctor for a vaccination. Risk groups are: individuals with chronic asthma, diabetes, heart conditions or having had a stroke. Also those who are 65 years or older, pregnant, infected with HIV/AIDS, cancer patients, and children under 5 years, especially those younger than 2 years, should be considered as candidates for the vaccine.

The Department of Health advises everyone to take the following precautions to avoid an infection:

Get a vaccination, avoid close contact with sick people, stay home if you are sick, cover the mouth when coughing or sneezing, disin-

fect hands or wash them frequently with soap, try not to touch eyes, nose or mouth, and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Be sure to get enough sleep and physical activities. Consume plenty of water and eat nutritious and healthy food.

The influenza vaccine is available at the 'Dienst Besmettelijke Ziekten – DBZ – the department for Infectious Diseases and costs Afls. 15. Persons belonging to the risk group will receive the vaccine free of charge upon presenting a doctor's prescription indicating they should.

For more information please contact the Department of Public Health, Department of Infectious Diseases, at telephone 522-4222

First Leatherback Sea Turtle nest of 2013 has hatched

During the daily end-of-the-day control one of the volunteers of Turtugaruba noticed a dimple in one of the protected nests in front of La Quinta. Incubation for a Leatherback nest is 60 – 70 days and this nest, the first one of 2013, counted already 69 days. At 5 PM the hole was small (about 20 cm) and shallow, but the sand in it was moving every now and then. After a while a black point appears, the tiny head of a hatchling, a sure sign that the nest is going to hatch. The hatchlings will scurry to the sea as a group, all together. A drop in temperature normally activates the hatchlings to break free from the nest. The number of onlookers is increasing, and while waiting a lot of their questions is answered by the volunteers of Turtugaruba:

"Where is the mother turtle?" The female came

ashore March, 13th and left her eggs to incubate in the warm sand. She covered the nest carefully and camouflaged the nesting spot, returned to the sea and will not look after her offspring.

"How do you know where the nests are?" During the nesting season (March – July) volunteers of Turtugaruba walk the beach every morning at 5.30 AM and monitoring also takes place at night.

Barriers are placed around a nest immediately after the female turtle has returned to the sea or when the nest is discovered.

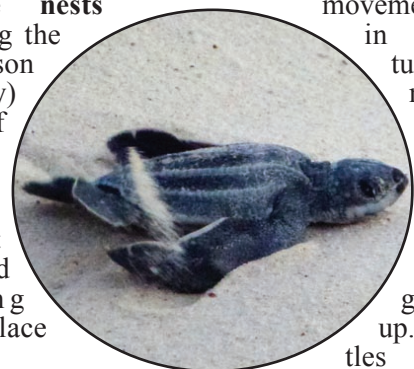
By now the sun has set and it's getting dark. That means that the onlookers can-

not take pictures anymore. Sea turtles are disoriented by artificial light and will not find the sea, so absolutely no lights and "NO FLASH" is the policy!

It takes till about 7 PM before there is significant movement: the sand in the dimple turns black now and this black spot is increasing... getting wider... the entire group wells up. All tiny turtles (44 are counted) scurry to the sea...

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Silvia Carty receives special government recognition



Last week the Prime Minister visited the Weg Kust Batterij Barrio. One of the homes where he made a special stop was at the home of Mrs. Silvia Carty. Upon the suggestions of others in the Barrio, Silvia was selected to receive special recognition for her

voluntary social work and labors of love for her fellowmen.

Silvia Agnes Thomas, widow of Carty is a 77 year old lady. Her parents came to Aruba as young children from St. Maarten. Silvia was born in 1935 and received a

very strict education in her home. At home she was responsible for looking after the younger children. Silvia married a member of the Methodist Church. She has no children of her own, but raised 3 children: 2 girls and one boy and she has a grand-

daughter. She is very proud of her family.

In 1968, the "Meals on Wheels" project was started by the Methodist Church. One of the volunteers who have worked and is still working with this project is Silvia. She has dedicated 27 years of her life to this work. She began helping to deliver the food to the needy, today she helps in the kitchen preparing the meals.

She has also been active in the Golden Ages project of the YMCA, and other organizations helping the elderly. Two years ago she became a client herself.

But even before joining these organisations Mrs. Carty was always ready to help anyone. Anyone that came to her door in need of some food or advice or anything else Sylvia never turned them back and willingly give whatever she could.

Silvia is always ready to help anyone. She is well loved by young and old, a lovely example of volunteerism and unconditional

love.

The Prime Minister indicated to friends and family of Silvia that what makes a difference in our lives is what Silvia does. He said that...."she is an inspiration and as a result the government of Aruba takes pleasure in recognizing her work of love. An Aruban lady who worked very hard her whole life but still found the time to give back to the community and give her family a good upbringing teaching them the real values of life."

We join together in congratulating Silvia for what she has meant and continues to mean to her Barrio and to Aruba..

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AFP) -- He also praised those who have offered shelter for those whose homes were destroyed.

"This is a strong community. With strong character. There's no doubt they're going to bounce back, but they need help," he said.

"Just like any of us would need help if we saw the kind of devastation that we're seeing here."

Obama was in Oklahoma to view the devastation first-hand and meet with survivors and first responders. He was accompanied through the scene by Governor Mary Fallin, FEMA administrator Craig Fugate, and other local officials.

The tornado was one of the most powerful in years, damaging or destroying 1,200 homes and affecting an estimated 33,000 people, according to a recent update from officials. Initial damages have been estimated at around \$2 billion.

Speaking to CNN earlier in the day, Governor Fallin said she is seeking help streamlining assistance to her battered state from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) following the powerful twister, which ripped through this Oklahoma suburb almost one week ago, injuring 377 people.

"What I need is the ability to get through red tape, the ability to get the FEMA funds in here quickly and to get the services that our citizens need to help them recover through this terrible disaster," she said.

A public memorial was to be held later Sunday in the tight-knit community.

The United States experiences three out of four tornadoes in the world, but the one that hit Monday was an unusually powerful EF-5 on the Enhanced Fujita scale -- the highest possible level -- and touched down with little advance notice.

China open to Syria solution ahead of Geneva talks : PM

BERLIN (AFP) - Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said Sunday that China was open to any solution for resolving the conflict in Syria that was acceptable to all parties in the bloody unrest.

Speaking at a joint press conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Li referred to a Geneva peace conference on Syria that has been proposed by the US and Russia.

"The Chinese side is open and actively disposed towards all possible political solution which can be accepted by all Syrian sides," Li said, speaking through an interpreter.

He said the situation in Syria, where the war has killed more than 90,000 people, was currently "very complex and also serious. This situation is alarming."

China believes that the international community should together play an "active and constructive role" in finding a solution in Syria, Li, who is on a three-day visit to Germany, said.

Syria's foreign minister said on Sunday that his government will take part in a peace conference in Geneva, terming it a "good opportunity for a political solution" to the civil war in Syria.

South African woman in demon ritual theft charge

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - A South African woman is fighting fraud charges for stealing casino patrons' jewellery after pretending they were for good luck rituals with an African demon.

Nancy Shanell Naidoo promised customers a tokoloshe -- a mythical sprite-like creature -- would bring them luck while gambling after she prayed over their possessions. But after taking the possessions for the rituals, she never returned the perfume, watches, bracelets and necklaces from luxury brands like Gucci and Michel Herbelin, reported the Sunday Times.

Colombia, rebels reach deal on land reform

HAVANA (AFP) - The government of Colombia and leftist rebels said Sunday they have reached a deal on land reform, one of the most contentious items in their drawn-out peace negotiations.

The agreement between Bogota and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia would compensate those who have lost land or were displaced from their property, said Cuban diplomat Carlos Fernandez de Cossio, whose country played host to the months-long negotiations.

So far, the talks at the Havana Convention Center have focused almost entirely on land reform -- the first of five agenda items to be discussed.

Land distribution was one of the triggers of the decades-old conflict in Colombia, where there is gaping inequality that divides wealthy landowners and poor peasants.

Both delegations will take a break of several days, and then begin talks on political participation.

Other agenda items include illicit drugs, decommissioning weapons and how to handle the victims of the armed conflict that has gripped Colombia for nearly half a century.

The FARC, Colombia's largest guerrilla group, has been in talks with Bogota since November 19 to end their nearly 50-year-old insurgency, the longest-running in Latin America.

Guatemala ex-leader due in US court Tuesday

NEW YORK (AFP) - Guatemalan ex-president Alfonso Portillo, jailed in New York after being extradited from his home country, will face his first US court hearing on Tuesday, officials said.

The 61-year-old, who faces charges he laundered \$70 million of swindled government funds through US banks, was the first former Latin American leader ever to be extradited to the United States.

After arriving in the US on Friday, he was taken first to a hospital for a medical check, but was quickly discharged and transferred to a jail in southern Manhattan, the consulate said.

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Maoist rebels kill 24 in central India ambush: police

RAIPUR, India (AFP) - A heavily-armed gang of nearly 300 Maoist rebels killed at least 24 people in an attack on a convoy of local Congress party leaders and supporters in central India, police said Sunday.

The land mine and gun attack on Saturday was the deadliest in three years, and the latest in a long-simmering conflict that pits the insurgents against authorities in the forests of mainly central and eastern India.

Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, who rushed to the Chhattisgarh state capital Raipur along with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh after the ambush, condemned what she called a "cowardly act" by the Maoists.

"It is not an attack on Congress or its leaders, but an attack on democratic values,"

she told Congress party workers after visiting the injured, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

State Congress chief Nand Kumar Patel, his son Dinesh, and former state home minister Mahendra Karma -- who had set up a controversial anti-Maoist group in 2005 -- were among those killed in the assault in a remote tribal belt of the state.

"The attack has killed 24 people so far. As many as 37 people are also injured, many of them seriously," state police director-general told AFP.

The state government has announced a judicial inquiry into the killings.

The rebels triggered a land mine before opening fire at the convoy of Congress party workers and leaders who were leaving the area after a political rally, police said.

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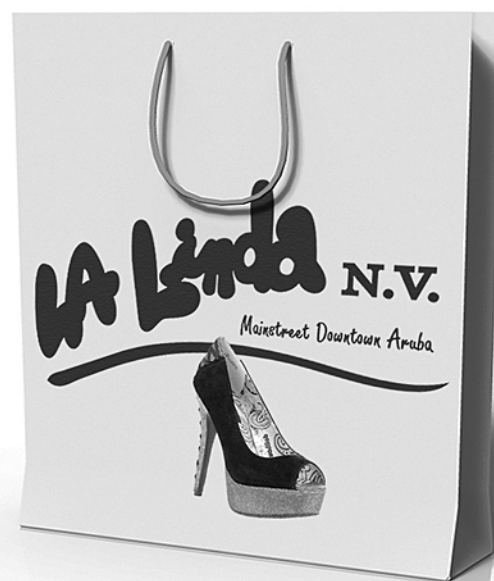


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International News

Explicit lesbian love epic wins Cannes top prize

CANNES (AFP) - An audacious lesbian love story featuring hardcore sex, "Blue is the Warmest Colour" by French-Tunisian director Abdellatif Kechiche, won the top prize Sunday at the Cannes Film Festival in a watershed year for gay rights.

An all-star jury at cinema's top showcase led this year by Hollywood director Steven Spielberg crowned the graphically erotic coming-of-age story set in France and clocking in at an epic three hours.

In an unusual step, Spielberg awarded the prize to Kechiche as well as the film's two stars, Adele Exarchopoulos and Lea Seydoux, who joined him on stage to cheers and calls of "bravo" from the ceremony's audience.

The Tunis-born Kechiche, 52, also hailed the spirit of the Arab Spring as he claimed his gong in what critics called a strong year at the festival.

Spielberg said choice of the international jury including fellow Oscar winners Ang Lee, Nicole Kidman and Christoph Waltz had been unanimous.

The runner-up award, the Grand Prix, went to Joel and Ethan Coen's "Inside Llewyn Davis" starring Carey Mulligan, Justin Timberlake and newcomer Oscar Isaac in the title role, which delighted audiences with a mix of soulful 1960s folk singing and absurdist humour.

The Coens' film "Barton Fink" won Cannes in 1991 and the brothers last entered the running in 2007 with "No Country for Old Men".

Mexico's Amat Escalante claimed best director for the ultra-violent "Heli" about his country's blood-drenched drug wars.

The 34-year-old filmmaker showed a family trapped in a vicious circle of crime and revenge, with torture scenes



PARIS (AFP) - A general view taken on Sunday, shows thousands of anti-gay marriage demonstrators gathering at the Invalides square in Paris during a mass protest against a gay marriage law. France on May 18 became the 14th country to legalise same-sex marriage after President Francois Hollande signed the measure into law following months of bitter debate and demonstrations. Tens of thousands marched through Paris to protest a new gay marriage law, with police on high alert amid warnings hardliners could infiltrate the demonstration and cause trouble.

Texas flash floods kill 2 in S. Antonio



A San Antonio metro bus sits in floodwaters after it was swept off the road during heavy rains on Saturday.

SAN ANTONIO - A massive storm system has dumped more than 10 inches of rain over San Antonio, leaving the Texas city flooded and at a standstill on Saturday.

Two women died, one of them after being swept away moments after being inches from her would-be rescuers -- due to raging floodwaters in San Antonio, which braced for yet more drenching rains.

At one point Saturday, a storm and subsequent floods had knocked out power to about 12,000 customers and spurred the closure of dozens of streets in the Texas city and the surrounding county, authorities said.

Scores of people had to be evacuated due to floods and other issues, and Fire Chief Charles Hood noted there had been about 250 water-related calls -- in addition to ones for things like medical emergen-

cies, accidents and more -- in the first 15 hours of Saturday.

The rains that fell on San Antonio left more than 200 residents stranded in cars and

homes when water suddenly rose as high as 4 feet in some locations. There were also significant traffic jams.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood watch for seven counties on Sunday, saying thunderstorms could produce rainfall at a rate of 2 to 4 inches per hour. Flood warnings remained in effect for several rivers already well above the flood stage.

The San Antonio International Airport by Saturday afternoon had recorded 9.87 inches of rain since midnight.

Saturday marks the second-wettest day ever recorded in San Antonio. The wettest day on record is Oct. 17, 1998, when 11.62 inches of rain fell.



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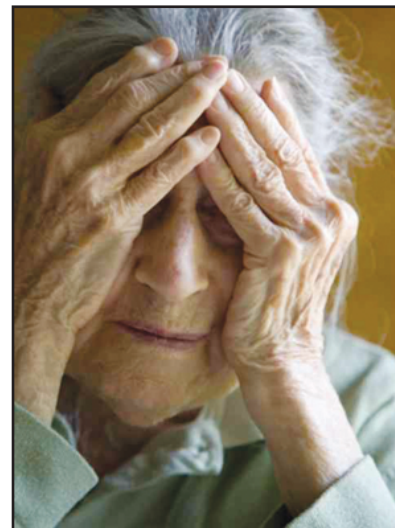
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Health & Living

Scientists cast doubt on Alzheimer's cancer drug study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Four separate teams of scientists have said they were unable to replicate a highly publicized study that last year touted a cancer drug's success against Alzheimer's disease in mice.

"We wanted to repeat the study to see if we could build on it, and we couldn't," said David Borchelt, a professor of neuroscience at the University of Florida, noting that "it was important to publish the fact."

The high profile 2012 study in the US journal Science found that mice treated with bexarotene became rapidly smarter and the plaque in their brains that was causing Alzheimer's started to disappear within hours.

The drug was believed to

work by boosting levels of a protein, Apolipoprotein E (ApoE), that helps clear amyloid plaque buildup in the brain, a key hallmark of Alzheimer's disease.

"We were shocked and amazed," lead author Gary Landreth, a professor in the Department of Neurosciences at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Ohio, told AFP when the study was published in February 2012.

But a key part of science is being able to replicate the findings of any research, and international researchers reported in four separate papers in Science's May 24 edition that they had failed to do so.

Other researchers who published their attempts were Bart De Strooper, director of the VIB Center for the Biology of Disease in Belgium, and Sangram Sisodia, director of the Center for Molecular Neurobiology at the University of Chicago.

The scientists said their studies showed no effect on the plaque levels in three different populations of lab mice treated with bexarotene.

A fourth group of researchers said they observed mental gains in the mice but could not confirm they were achieved by the mechanism initially reported, said co-author Iliya Lefterov, associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health.

"While we were able to verify that the mice quickly regained their lost cognitive skills and confirmed the decrease in amyloid beta peptides in the interstitial fluid that surrounds brain cells, we did not find any evidence that the drug cleared the plaques from their brains."

The findings should also serve as a warning for doctors not to prescribe bexarotene as an off-label treatment for Alzheimer's, researchers said.

The drug, also known as Targretin, was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration in 1999 for treating a type of skin cancer known as refractory cutaneous T-cell lymphoma.

"Anecdotally, we have all heard that physicians are treating their Alzheimer's patients with bexarotene, a cancer drug with severe side effects," said Robert Vassar, professor of cell and molecular biology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Obesity weighs down on top soda guzzler Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Artemio Martinez balanced his corpulent frame on a stool in a Mexico City street taco stand, downing a sweet soda and eating a final pork-filled corn tortilla.

"Can you give me another soft drink to quickly wash down the fifth taco? And the bill please," Martinez, a 42-year-old accountant weighing in at 140 kilograms (309 pounds), asked the cook.

The damage for his wallet is relatively light: 40 pesos (\$3) for five meat tortillas and 18 pesos (\$1.4) for two sodas.

But Mexico is paying a heavy price for its diet, giving it the dubious distinction of being the world's top consumer of sodas and home of the world's second most obese population after its giant northern neighbor, the United States.

Latin America's second biggest economy after Brazil

has lived through lean times in the past, with a damaging peso crisis in 1994 and the global financial debacle in 2009. But it has enjoyed periods of growth.

And Alejandro Calvillo, director of the Consumer Power non-governmental organization, said the free trade pacts credited with helping Mexico's economy grow have stuffed the country with less healthy foods.

With trade pacts, Mexico has "surrendered to the commercial values of transnational companies that displaced the traditional Mexican diet," he said, blaming also the "relentless" advertising for such products.

Mexico's obesity rate soared from 9.5 percent in 1988 to 32 percent last year in the nation of 112 million people, according to the National Medical Academy. And a staggering 70 percent of the population is

overweight -- even though almost half the population lives in poverty.

Mexico guzzles down 163 liters (43 gallons) of soda per capita per year, according to a Yale University study.

The country accounts for 22,000 of the 180,000 annual deaths worldwide associated with sugary drink consumption, a Harvard University study found.

This makes sodas, which come in cola, grape, orange and lemon flavors, a bigger killer than the nation's drug war, which left 10,000 people dead last year.

Several factors contribute to making a nation obese, including genes, but bad habits adopted by modern societies are mostly to blame, said David Garner, founder of the US-based River Centre Clinic, which treats eating disorders.

In late 2012, a bill was in-

troduced in Mexico's Congress to impose a tax on sweet fizzy drinks and regulate advertising for them, but the initiatives fizzled out.

The Mexican government recently announced it would implement a strategy to combat obesity, without providing much details.

The country's weight problem is becoming a heavy burden on the overstretched public health system, estimated by itself to cost the country \$11.7 billion by 2017.

The most common reasons for hospitalizations in Mexico are heart attacks, high blood pressure and diabetes, a disease that affects 14 percent of the population and kills 80,000 people per year.

To deal with the problem, several clinics offer free and cheap gastric bypass surgeries, a procedure that reduces the size of the stomach.

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Sci-Tech

Germany must spread cost of energy shift fairly: IEA

BERLIN (AFP) - The International Energy Agency said that Germany must shield its consumers from paying too much of the cost of its ambitious switch from nuclear power and fossil fuels toward renewable energy.

The IEA also said Europe's biggest economy should make greater use of natural gas to smoothe the transition and reduce the use of coal to meet its carbon reduction targets to combat climate change.

Given the scale of the "Energiewende" or energy shift, the size of the German economy and its location at the heart of Europe, the agency said in a regular review that further steps are needed "to maintain a balance between sustainability, affordability and competitiveness".

Chancellor Angela Merkel decided after Japan's 2011 Fukushima nuclear accident to phase out nuclear power by 2022, an about-turn that started with the immediate closure of the eight oldest plants.

Since then Germany has accelerated a boom in wind

farms, solar power and biofuels, promoted by subsidies and legal reforms, with the goal of gaining half of its electricity from renewables by 2030.

Legal reform in 2000 "has proven very effective in introducing renewable energies; notably electricity generation from biomass, wind energy and solar photovoltaics," the report said.

However, the Paris-based IEA pointed to a political debate in Germany about discounts given to industry, which have been financed in part by higher power bills for consumers and a tax surcharge.

It also pointed to the geographic spread between the renewables' supply and demand. While most wind farms are in Germany's coastal north, the highest demand is in the industrial south and west.

Germany is planning to massively expand its transmission and distribution networks, a costly process complicated by local opposition in many places to the new power infrastructure.

Peru to become first country to say no to genetically modified foods



-- Just recently the country of Peru became the very first country in South America to prohibit the production of GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms), which are products that are modified genetically. These products are being modified using whatever bacteria, pesticides or other methods of modification. These products make plantations resistant to certain types of insects as well as to drought.

In this manner, Peru has converted itself into the first

and only country in South America to levy a 10 year prohibition on products genetically modified. The intention behind the law is to protect Peru from biodiversity, as well as to protect the agricultural trade. Agriculture plays an important role in Peru with its diverse and plentiful harvest

Peru is also intent on protecting consumers, especially since there is no research done on the potential harm from these GMO products to humans.

The Peruvian law is similar to the laws in Europe where genetically modified seeds are prohibited from entering the country for plantation.

The world is becoming more and more aware of the dangers of GMO products, hence more consumers are choosing to purchase locally grown organic products.

Santa Rosa continues to encourage the community to plant their own products, their own fruits and vegetables. Information and ideas on how to do your own planting can be obtained at Santa Rosa, where the consumption of local agricultural, fisheries and livestock products are a priority.



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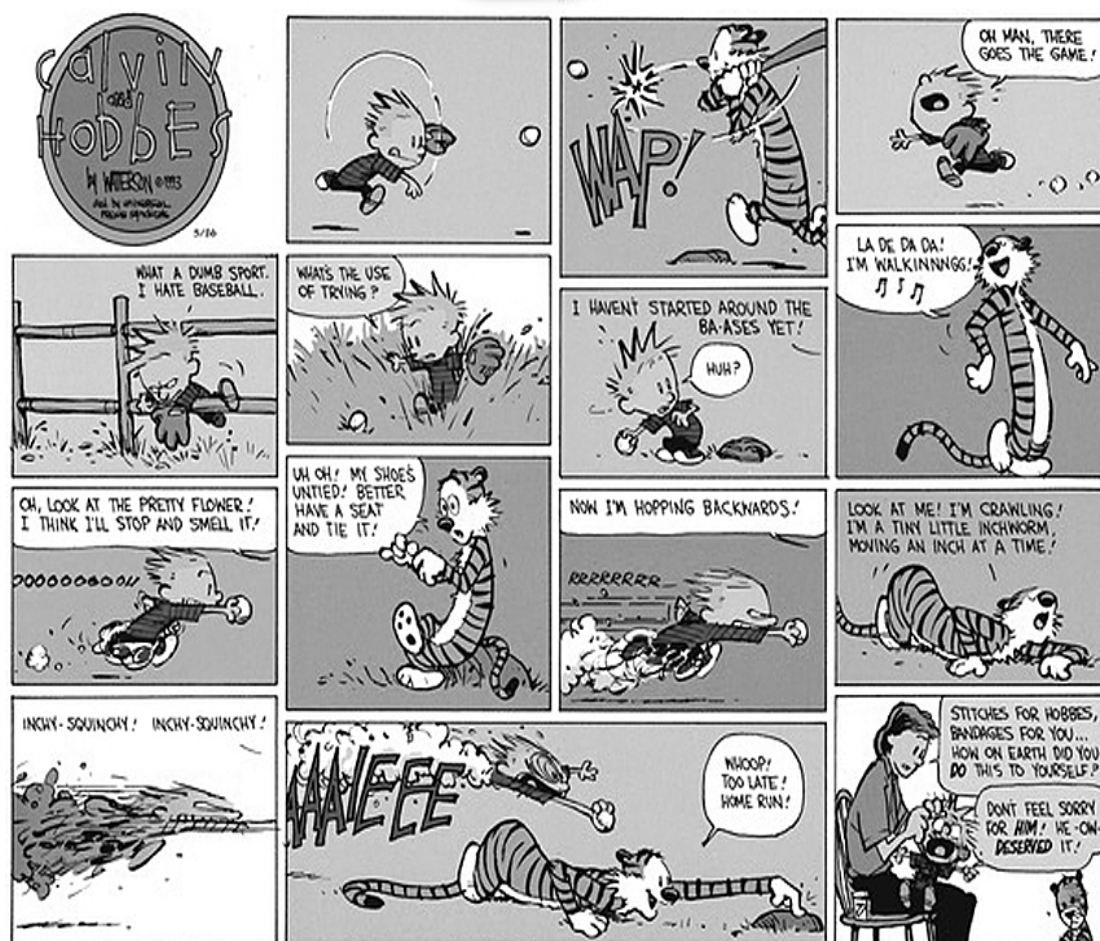


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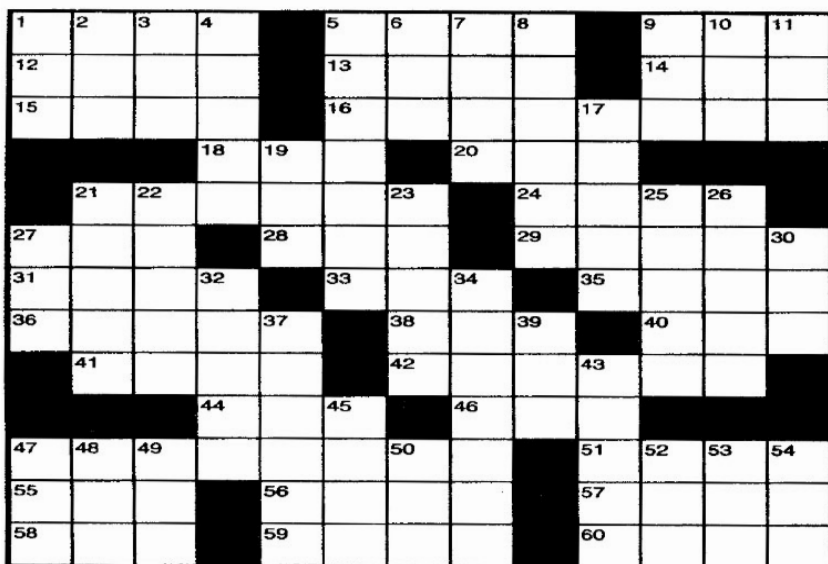
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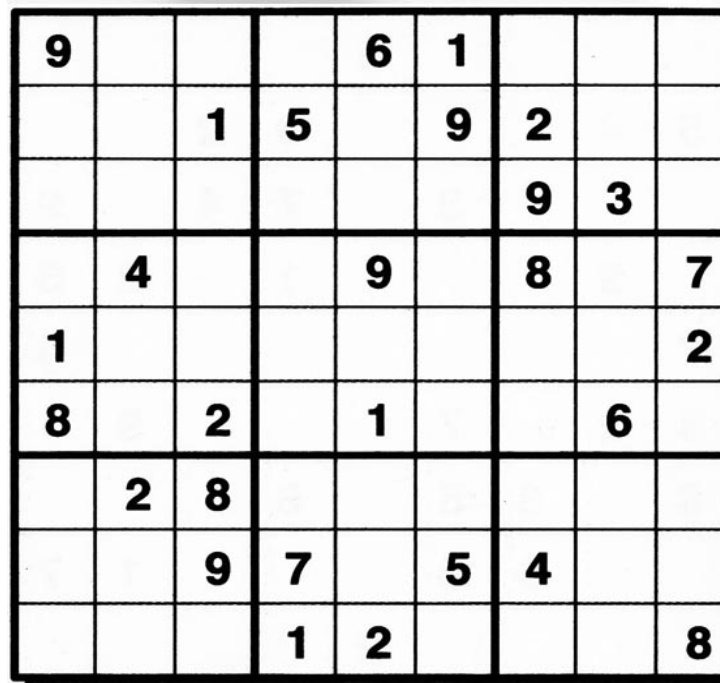
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

FINANCE

Kerry unveils \$4 bn Palestinian investment plan



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry (C) is joined by Israeli President Shimon Peres (L) and Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas at the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa at the King Hussein Convention Centre, at the Dead Sea, on Sunday.

AL SHUNAH (AFP) - US Secretary of State John Kerry unveiled on Sunday a plan to boost the Palestinian economy by attracting \$4 billion in private investment, saying it could transform the lives of the people.

As he seeks to bring Israel and the Palestinians back to the table to negotiate a peace deal, Kerry said it was also imperative to create jobs and meet the hopes of young people for a better economic future.

He has tasked Tony Blair, the Quartet's special envoy to the Middle East, with drawing up a plan to revitalise the West Bank through boosting industries such as tourism, construction and agriculture.

Blair's plan, being aided by some global business leaders who are giving their time free, could be "ground-shaking," Kerry said, adding it could lead to "a private-sector-led healthy, sustainable Palestinian economy".

The group was putting together recommendations for the Palestinian leadership to decide on, aiming to "mobilise some \$4 billion of investment".

Some 100,000 jobs in home construction alone could be

created in the next three years, while tourism could triple.

The West Bank had seen moderate growth in recent years only to be set back by Israeli and Western moves to stall aid following the Palestinian bid for upgraded UN status.

But Kerry warned the forum it stood before a historic moment, amid the yearnings for greater economic and social freedoms unleashed by the Arab Spring.

"We ignore the lessons of the Arab awakening at our own peril... it is imperative that all of us channel our creativity and energy into making sure that people do actually have better choices," he said.

He urged public and private sectors to work together saying they each "have a responsibility to meet the demands of this moment and one can't do it without the other. We need you at the table".

"If we don't eagerly grab this moment we will condemn ourselves to a future conflict. We are staring down a dangerous path filled with potential vi-

olence, with the capacity to harden divisions, increase instability. And this will be a path filled by violent extremists who rush to fill the vacuum."

In a separate initiative unveiled at the forum in the Jordanian town of Al Shunah, some 300 Israeli and Palestinian executives from some large businesses also urged their governments to move towards a two-state solution.

The Breaking the Impasse Initiative vowed to use their influence to convince the leaders on both sides to resume serious talks, stalled since late 2010.

Israeli President Shimon Peres urged Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas who was sitting in the same front row of chairs to "return to negotiations as soon as possible and bring peace".

Talks between the two sides have been stalled since late 2010.

Abbas also called for young Palestinians to be given hope of a better future, and said his people "want to live with neighbours who we respect and they respect us also".

But in a sign of the wide divisions, Abbas stressed he would not take the issue of the return of Palestinian refugees off the negotiating table, and called again for Israel to free prisoners held since before 1993.

Late Sunday, Kerry had a private dinner with the United Arab Emirates Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed, Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasse Judeh, Blair and American businessman Tim Collins.

He was also expected to meet again with Abbas following his trip to Israel and the West Bank last week.



PALAYA (AFP) - An Indian farm labourer piles millet in a field at Palaiya village of Dehgam Taluka, some 50 kms from Ahmedabad on May 26, 2013. Indian agriculture solely depends on good monsoon rains and with the Indian economy striving hard to accelerate its momentum, the continuing slow pace of growth in the crucial agriculture sector is increasingly becoming a matter of concern.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Mexico reforms knock Slim off world's richest perch

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim held the title of the world's richest man for the past three years until a new president rolled into town with a vast economic reform agenda.

Enrique Pena Nieto's push to overhaul the telecoms industry, a sector dominated by Slim, has weighed down on stock prices of the billionaire's America Movil phone empire, analysts say.

Three weeks after Congress approved the legislation, and a boatload of dollars later, Forbes magazine declared Wednesday that Microsoft founder Bill Gates had reclaimed the wealth throne he bequeathed to Slim in 2010.

Slim's \$69.1 billion compared to \$69.8 billion for Gates after America Movil shares dropped further -- a spectacular reversal of fortune from just over a month ago, when Forbes put Slim on top of its 2013 rich list with a net worth of \$73 billion.

Jorge Bravo, web editor of the industry consultancy Mediatelecom, said reaching the top of the list had ultimately backfired on Slim.

"A series of regulations and media effects began against him for being the richest man in the world in a country that doesn't exactly have his wealth

and has a lot of poverty," Bravo told AFP.

Slim's spokesman declined to comment.

America Movil owns fixed-line and mobile phone businesses as well as Internet and cable television services in 17 Latin American nations and the United States.

In Mexico, his landline firm Telmex controls 80 percent of the industry while his cell-phone service, Telcel, holds 70 percent of the mobile market.

Pena Nieto took office in December with a pledge to reform key sectors in the country, forming an unprecedented pact with rivals to lock down support.

The telecoms bill has yet to become law and the impact it will have on Slim's dominion remains unclear, analysts said, but it has made investors shy away from America Movil.

The company's shares closed at 12.54 pesos (\$1) on the Mexico stock exchange on Friday, down 0.32 percent from the previous day.

Ignacio Cedillo Bravo, an analyst with financial consultancy Bursametrica, said Slim's other companies -- with interests in mining, auto parts and retail -- have also been affected by a general drop in Mexico's stock market, which has fallen 7.29 percent over the past year.

Soul Beach Comedy Night was A Blast



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Sweet Peppers offers great ambiance and an interesting, varied menu



Steak Tika

-- Diners can expect a very pleasant surprise when stopping by **Caribbean Palm Villas Resort** to sample the refreshed menu of the newly revamped Sweet Peppers restaurant, adjacent to the main courtyard. Veteran visitors will be pleased to find

Anky, recognized from her years with Aruba's top gourmet eatery, Chez Mathilde and her brother Ricardo at the helm. Ricardo was always the life of the party every Wednesday night at Matthew's Seaside restaurant, and he brings that same energy and calculated

craziness to Sweet Peppers' Karaoke Dance Party every Thursday evening, beginning at 9:00 PM. Regionally famous entertainer Lloyd Baptiste runs the singing competition, and they feature a two hour, 2-for-1 happy hour at the bar.

Anky has completely remodeled the lovely space within the resort, which is just a short walk from the principal Palm Beach strip. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, they feature a great mix of local specialties with an emphasis on fresh fish, and Italian favorites such as Osso Bucco, on their diverse menu.

Particularly impressive is the Ceviche Aruban Style, as well as the Fruitti di Mare en Casserole, a dream for seafood lovers. Every Tuesday is All-you-can-eat Grouper Night for only \$24.95, with a choice of fish prepared three different ways. Landlubbers will also be extremely pleased with the



Grouper with Mango Sauce

Tenderloin Tika, a HUGE steak skewer with loads of fresh vegetables, and every Sunday enjoy unlimited BBQ Rib Night for only \$19.95.

Sweet Peppers is a welcome addition to the Palm Beach roster of restaurants and definitely deserves discovering. Diners will love the tranquil setting, excellent and

friendly service, along with a very reasonably priced menu featuring several distinctive and delectable dishes.

Closed on Fridays, they also feature 2 for 1 Happy Hours 3 times a day from noon to 1pm, 3 to 5 pm and 9 to 10 pm, tempting you to linger over a liqueur after your dinner.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet of-



fers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to

purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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SPORTS

Golf: Weekley back in PGA winner's circle at Colonial



FORT WORTH (AFP) - Boo Weekley won the US PGA Tour's \$6.4 million Crowne Plaza Invitational on Sunday, firing a final-round 66 to claim his third career title, and his first since 2008.

Weekley, whose career has been hindered by injury since he won back-to-back titles at the RBC Heritage in 2007 and 2008, had six birdies in his second straight 66 at Colonial

Country Club for a 14-under par total of 266.

He finished one stroke in front of overnight leader Matt Kuchar, with 2012 champion Zach Johnson alone in third a further stroke back.

Weekley's six birdies included a burst of three in a row from the eighth hole.

He moved to 14-under for the tournament when he rolled in a 21-foot birdie putt at the

par-three 13th.

Weekley held a two-stroke lead when he arrived at 18, where his long birdie putt kissed the edge of the cup but didn't drop.

It didn't matter. He tapped in for par after Kuchar, two strokes adrift and playing in the final group behind him, sent his tee shot at 18 left.

Kuchar recovered to birdie the last, completing a 68 that gave him sole possession of second place on 267, with Johnson already in the clubhouse on 268 after a final-round 66.

"We're back," said Weekley, who has battled various injuries since hurting his shoulder in 2009. "We finally made it back."

Scott Stallings (66), John Rollins (68) and Matt Every (69) shared fourth on 269.

Golf: South Korea's Lee captures shortened LPGA event

NASSAU (AFP) - South Korea's Lee Il-Hee captured her first LPGA title on Sunday, firing a five-under par 42 over a 12-hole round to win the weather-hit Pure Silk Bahamas Classic by two strokes over Irene Cho.

After a bogey-free final round, Lee finished on 11-under 126 for 36 holes played in three 12-hole rounds due to course flooding.

She foiling American Cho's bid for her first LPGA triumph after a seven-under 40 in the final round.

Until a third-place finish earlier this month at the Kingsmill Championship, Lee's best LPGA showing was a share of fourth at last year's US Women's Open.

Severe winds and rain nagged players over the last round, which was needed to reach the minimum 36 holes that made the tournament official.

LPGA officials came up with the 12-hole, three-day format to salvage what had been planned as a 72-hole event. The course was flooded Tuesday by a severe storm that dropped more than a foot of rain, dooming hopes of playing Thursday.

The par-3 fourth hole was dropped Sunday in favor of the once-flooded par-5 18th, changing the layout from a par-45 to a par-47 makeshift layout using six holes from each of the Ocean Club's front and back nines.

Lee, 24, opened with three birdies in a row and added another at the eighth, a tap-in birdie, to reach 10-under for a one-stroke lead over Cho with four holes to play.

Lee endured long waits before her tee shot and approach at the oceanside penultimate hole before leaving a long birdie putt four feet short, but she dropped the tension-packed putt to stay ahead.

Blasting her second shot onto the green at the par-5 final hole just before a heavy rain began, Lee missed an 18-foot eagle putt but tapped in for birdie and the win, which came only when the last group finished to make it official.

Cho opened with a birdie, added another on the par-5 third hole and then eagled the par-5 fifth hole with a stunning approach from the fairway.

Back-to-back birdies at the eighth and par-3 ninth, the latter from 15 feet, and another at the par-5 12th, the course's usual last hole, put Cho in the clubhouse with the best finish of her career.

Cho, whose career best had been a share of sixth at the 2008 LPGA Championship, finished in the money for only the third time this season.

Sweden's Anna Nordqvist was third on 129 with a group sharing fourth on 130 including Japan's Mika Miyazato, France's Karine Icher and Americans Mindy Kim, Paula Creamer and Cristie Kerr.

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Bayern Munich, Champion of Germany, Adds European Title

LONDON (AFP) - Match-winner Arjen Robben broke his finals hoodoo in style on Saturday as the flying Dutch winger's late strike gave Bayern Munich a 2-1 victory over Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League final.

In the past four years, Robben had played in two Champions League finals and one World Cup final, only to finish on the losing side on all three occasions, but was Bayern's hero at Wembley.

Despite having won league



titles in four countries, the Wembley triumph is his first Champions League final win with Bayern at the third attempt as he claimed the man-of-the-match award in London.

He started for Bayern in both the 2010 and 2012 Champions League finals, when his extra-time penalty against Chelsea was infamously saved last season in Munich as the trophy went to Stamford Bridge.

But he made amends at Wembley by setting up Mario Mandzukic for Bayern's opener on 60 minutes, then broke into the area a minute from time and scuffed home his shot to break Borussia

hearts.

Victory made Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes only the fourth manager to win the trophy with two different clubs after a 1998 triumph with Real Madrid, as he prepares to step aside for incoming successor Pep Guardiola.

Having already claimed the German title, Bayern will now look to complete an unprecedented treble by beating VfB Stuttgart in the German Cup final next weekend.

There was no second title for 1997 winners Dortmund but Jurgen Klopp's side more than played their part on a night of gripping drama in front of 86,298 fans at the home of English football.



INDIANAPOLIS - A group of the approximately 35 runners from the 2013 Boston Marathon, unable to finish the race due to the tragic bombings, complete the distance by crossing finish line at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway before the start of the 97th Indianapolis 500 auto race.

Brazil's Neymar announces transfer to Barcelona



SAO PAULO (AFP) - Brazilian football phenom Neymar (r) announced Saturday on his Instagram account that he is about to sign up with Spanish powerhouse FC Barcelona. "On Monday, I sign a contract with Barcelona. I want to thank the Santos fans for nine incredible years," wrote Neymar, 21, who is currently a forward for the storied Brazilian team Santos. Santos had received offers for Neymar from both Barca and its rival Real Madrid, according to Spanish newspaper El Pais, quoting the club's vice-president. In Spain, Barca confirmed the move on Sunday.

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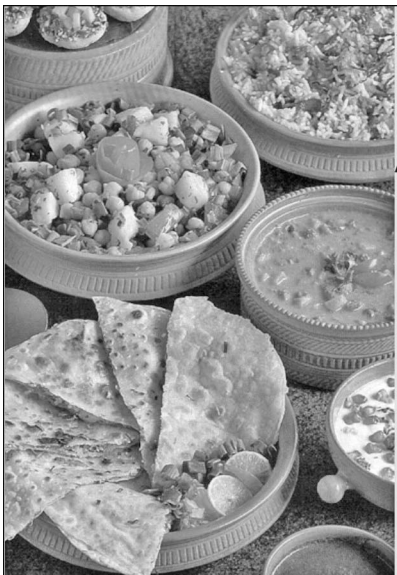
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Auto Racing: Brazil's Tony Kanaan wins Indy 500



Tony Kanaan celebrates in Victory Lane on Sunday after winning his first Indianapolis 500 on his 12th attempt in the historic race.



Tony Kanaan of Brazil, driver of the Hydroxycut KV Racing Technology-SH Racing Chevrolet, leads the race during the IZOD IndyCar Series 97th running of the Indianapolis 500 mile race.

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Brazil's Tony Kanaan, frustrated after leading 11 starts without a victory, won the 97th Indianapolis 500 on Sunday by making a tension-packed pass for the lead with three laps remaining.

Kanaan overtook US leader Ryan Hunter-Reay on the restart, and a crash by 2012 Indy 500 winner Dario Franchitti of Scotland moments later handed Kanaan a long-sought victory over 200 laps around the 2.5-mile (4km) Indianapolis Motor

Speedway oval.

On the restart, after a crash by US racer Graham Rahal, Kanaan went low around Hunter-Reay and took the lead in the first turn, while Colombian rookie Carlos Munoz, in his first IndyCar race, went high and took second place.

Seconds later, Franchitti hit

the wall to bring out yellow flags for the final time as the race finished under slow-speed caution.

"I can't believe it. I'm speechless," Kanaan said. "I got a little bit of luck today."

Munoz was second, with Hunter-Reay third, American Marco Andretti fourth and Britain's Justin Wilson fifth.

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